at Tezpur in Assam is expected to be technically ready by December, 1996.

Development of Tourist Places

1002. SHRI MEHENDRA SINGH BHATI :
SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA :

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the tourist places of Rajasthan that are likely to be developed with Central assistance;

(b) the reasons for delay in clearance of those projects;

(c) the time by which the work on these projects are likely to be started; and

(d) the details of funds likely to be incurred on various places of tourist interest in Rajasthan?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) to (d). In consultation with the State Government of Rajasthan, Six projects at Gangaur, Ajmer, Mt. Abu, Churu, Jhunjhunu and Osian have been identified for the development of tourism infrastructural facilities in the State during 1996-97. Central financial Assistance is sanctioned for projects on receipt of detailed proposals from the State Governments.

So far, no detail proposal has been received from Rajasthan.

Telephones in Villages

1003. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have fixed the target for linking the villages with telephones during the last three years;

(b) if so, whether the target has been achieved;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the number of villages where telephone connections have been provided during the above period; and

(e) the reason for not achieving the target?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Partially achieved.

(c) and (d). The details of targets and number of villages where telephone connections have been provided during the last three years are given in statement attached.

(e) The main reason for not achieving the targets, is non-supply of Radio systems by indigenous suppliers in the stipulated time frame.

STATEMENT

Details of target and number of villages where telephone connections have been provided during last three years.

S.No.	Year	Target	Achievement
1.	1993-94	46820	33001
2.	1994-95	50000	47659
3.	1995-96	1,05,000	31496

[Translation]

Telecom Offices in Udaipur

1004. SHRI BHERULAL MEENA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the office of Telecommunication Department (South), Director, Telecommunications, Udaipur is proposed to be shifted elsewhere; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) and (b). No decision has yet been taken.

Introduction of New Air routes

1005. SHRI DATTA MEGHE :
SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to introduce new air routes in the country during the current year; and

(b) if so, the details thereof Sector-wise?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) and (b). Indian Airlines has, at present, no firm proposal to introduce any new service in the domestic sector. Private Operators decide their route schedules as per Government guidelines, in their best commercial judgement and seek the approval of the Director General of Civil Aviation.

[English]

Asian Media Summit

1006. SHRI RUPCHAND PAL : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Asian Media Summit on Child Labour has been held recently in Manila;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the outcome of the discussion held?